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Annual Report

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"Serving those who have served the Commonwealth and our great Nation."



KDVA Annual Report

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This has been an eventful and productive year for the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) in continuing to serve and finding new ways to serve all of our veterans. We held major special events commemorating both Vietnam Veterans and Women Veterans.

As of June 30, 2015, there were more than 311,000 veterans residing within the borders of the Commonwealth. KDVA serves the state's veterans in four primary areas of support: healthcare, benefits, cemetery operations and specialty programs. This structure parallels the administrative organization of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA.) This report provides details concerning each of these major service areas, as well as indicators of their effectiveness.

KDVA is committed to fulfilling its mission of taking care of Kentucky's veterans, their families and survivors as a result of their earned veteran status. Because of their dedicated and selfless service to our Commonwealth and nation, our veterans deserve no less. This report reflects that commitment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Heather French Henry".

Heather French Henry
Commissioner, KDVA

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INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

In 1998 Governor Paul Patton created the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) and charged the Department with helping veterans and their families obtain all federal, state and local veterans benefits to which they are entitled. The first commissioner began building a Department capable of significantly assisting Kentucky's large veteran population.

“Serving those who have served the Commonwealth and our great Nation”

The KDVA motto identifies the Department's critically important mission: ensuring that Kentucky's veterans receive all the benefits and services they have earned. Today, the Department offers free services and benefits counseling provided by a network of experienced and dedicated paid staff, provides representation before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs during formal and informal hearings, and is operating three state-of-the-art veterans nursing homes. It began construction on the fourth nursing home in 2013. KDVA has opened the first four state veterans cemeteries, and is developing a fifth. Responding to an unfilled need, the department established a program to help homeless veterans in 2004. It also named a Women Veterans Coordinator to reach out to that underserved population.

MISSION

*“Take care of Kentucky's 311,000 veterans
and their 600,000 family members”*



*Veterans nursing home employee talks with
one of our veteran residents*

The mission of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) is defined in KRS Chapter 40.310. The statute provides for services and support to the citizens of the Commonwealth who are veterans of military service, their families, dependents and/or survivors.. This group represents almost 20 percent of Kentucky's population.

\ To that end, we help veterans and their dependents in the presentation, proof and establishment of all claims, privileges, rights and other veteran benefits which they may have under federal, state or local laws. Those other benefits include access to veterans nursing homes, burial with honors in veterans cemeteries, counseling, and specific assistance for homeless veterans.

ORGANIZATION

On July 1, 2014, Governor Steve Beshear appointed Heather French Henry Commissioner of KDVA. Commissioner Henry is the Executive Officer of the Department and has the responsibility of the overall operation.

There are three principal areas of responsibility in the Department: (1) field operations and its state-wide network of field benefit counselors; (2) healthcare services provided by state veterans nursing homes in Hazard, Wilmore, and Hanson, with a planned fourth home in Radcliff; and (3) cemetery services through state veterans cemeteries located in Christian, Hardin, Grant, and Greenup counties, with a planned Southeast cemetery in Leslie County.



*KDVA Commissioner
Heather French Henry*

The headquarters office for all of KDVA is located at 1111B Louisville Road, Frankfort. The Commissioner and her staff are located here. This includes the Deputy Commissioner, the heads of the cemetery and nursing home operations, the KDVA human resources branch, and other support staff. The Field Operations branch's central office is located 321 W. Main Street, Ste. 390, Louisville.

FIELD OPERATIONS

The Field Operations Branch is headed by an executive advisor with a staff in Louisville. The state-wide network includes four regional managers and 20 Veterans Benefits Field Representatives (VBFR). Using this model, and with field benefit offices in seventeen locations throughout the state, VBFRs provide assistance to every veteran in need. Each of the seventeen field office serves as many as 19,000 veterans.



The Regional Administrators and VBFRs are the heart and soul of the field operation. These dedicated men and women, most of whom are veterans themselves, provide counseling, advice and assistance to Kentucky's veterans.

All regional administrators and all of the field representatives receive in-depth training to assist in providing the best service to our veterans and their families.

The Field Operations Branch provides continuing education to staff to keep them abreast of the constantly changing rules and regulations governing benefits to members of the veterans community. The Regional Administrators have an in-depth knowledge of federal veterans' benefits law and unprecedented access to federal benefits resources and personnel.

Their tenacity, written skill and verbal proficiency are vitally important to our effective representation of Kentucky's veterans. KDVA's staff, as accredited representatives by the VA, can represent veterans before the VA in formal and informal hearings.

VBFRs maintain regular and published office hours in almost every county, which they visit at least once a month. In other counties, veterans can call for an appointment. VBFRs maintain close liaison with local elected officials, local veterans organizations, other state and local agencies, and local media who may be in contact with veterans who require assistance. Timothy "Dean" Carver, KDVA Staff Advisor and a U.S. Army retired first sergeant, is in charge of Field Operations. It is not unusual for the staff to be called upon to help at night, weekends or holidays. Assistance is always available.

In federal FY 2014 the US Department of Veterans Affairs expended **9.5 million dollars** in Kentucky on various programs listed in the chart below. Thanks to the hard work of the employees of KDVA's Field Operations Branch, Kentucky's veterans and their dependents received \$1.15 billion in direct monetary benefits.



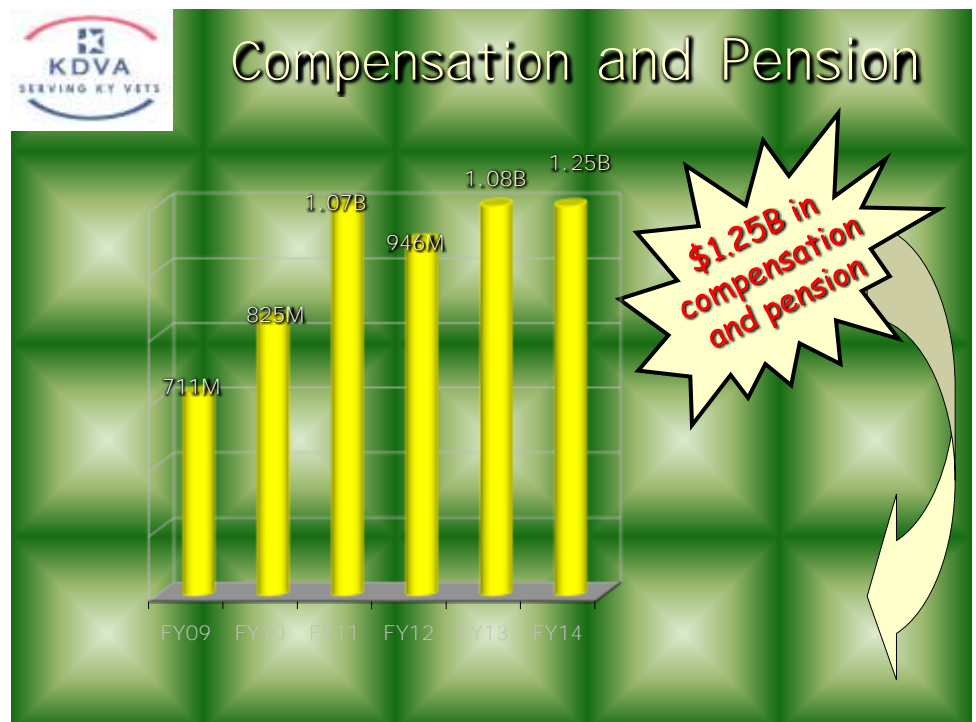
According to the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Veterans Affairs:

"Study after study shows that veterans with representation have a greater chance at recovering their earned benefits than if they are not represented by a VSO, agent, or attorney."

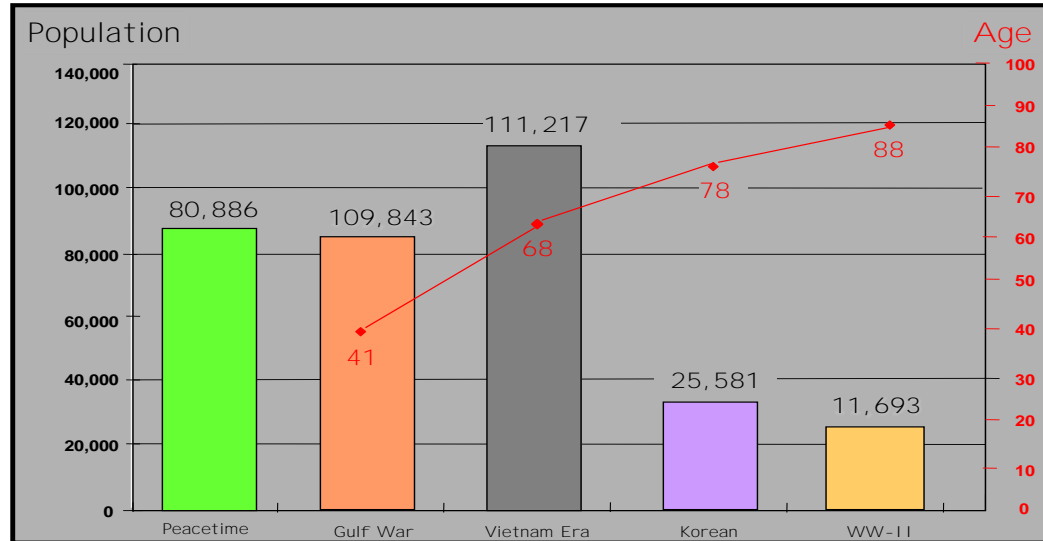
KDVA benefits representatives do not charge veterans for their services.

KDVA's annual budget of only \$5.1 million for Headquarters, Field Operations and Cemetery Services has proven to be a huge financial bargain to Kentucky as indicated above, and at the same time, has helped our veterans and their families obtain benefits they deserve.

In FY 14, the Kentucky State Treasury took in more than \$65 million in tax revenue from the \$1.10 billion in compensation and pension paid to Kentucky's veterans.



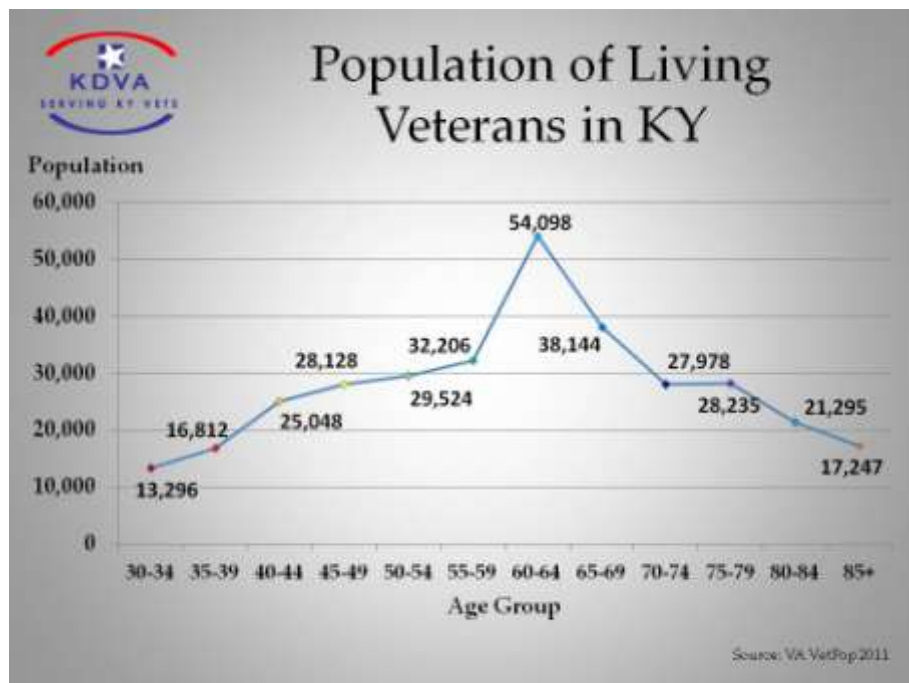
Kentucky Veteran Population



Each sum includes veterans who have served in multiple war periods. Source: VA VetPop2014

As of September 2014, there were approximately 330,000 veterans in Kentucky. Of those:

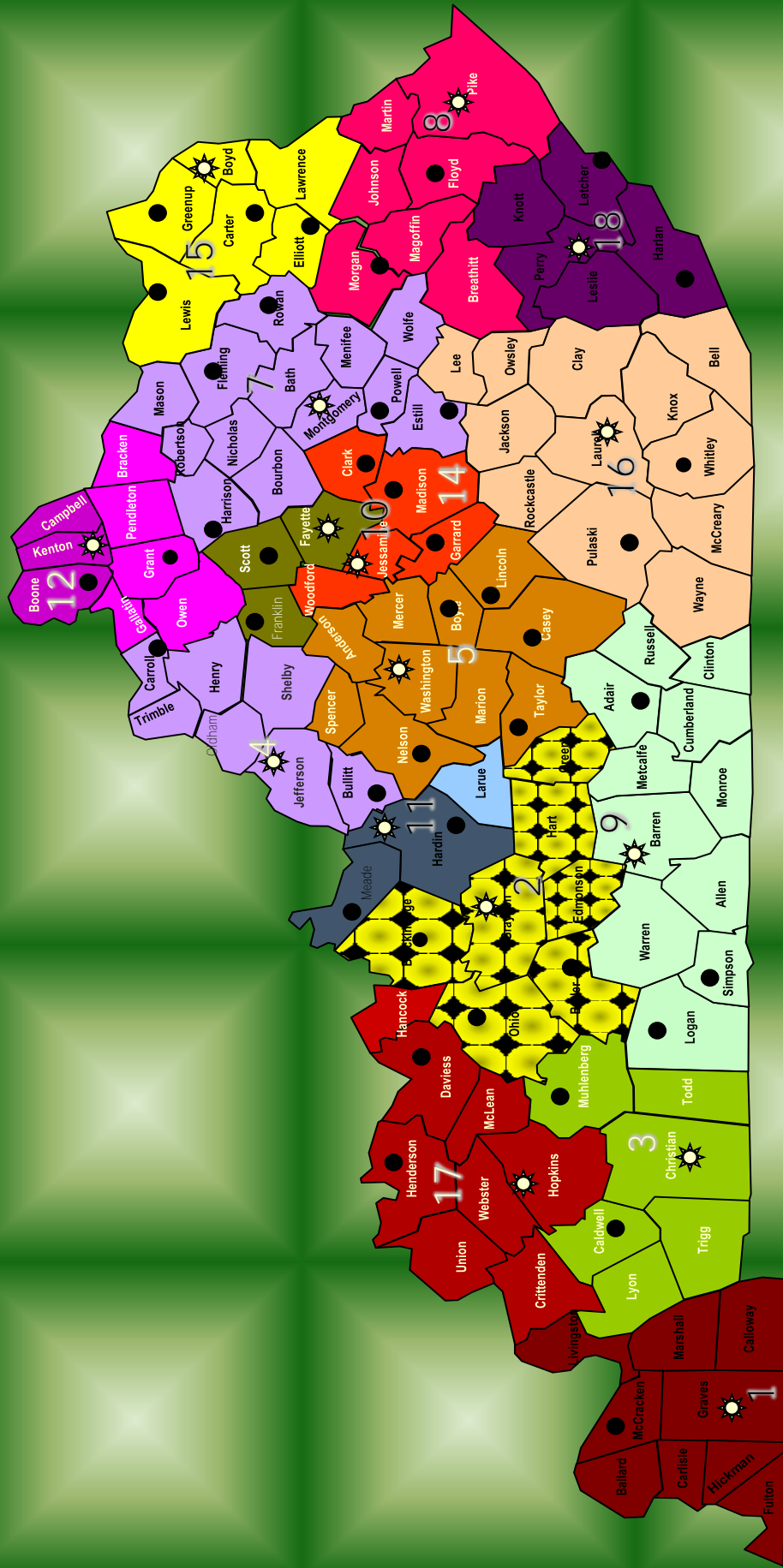
- About 11,000 served during World War II
- About 25,000 served during the Korean War
- About 111,000 served during the Vietnam War
- About 109,800 served during the Gulf War





KDVA Field Operations

19 Field Representatives in 17 Regions



- ☼ Denotes VBFR home office
- Denotes VBFR out-station

Revised July 2015

LEGISLATION

The 2015 General Assembly approved and Governor Beshear signed four bills related to KDVA's mission.

Employing Veterans

HB 164 creates the Voluntary Veteran Preference Employment Policy Act, which encourages private employers to hire veterans.

Gold Star Sibling Plate

HB 209 establishes a Gold Star Sibling license plate, with fees and renewal fees directed to the Veterans Program Trust Fund. This license plate will not be available until January 1, 2016. Applicants must submit proof of sibling status to KDVA.

Korean Conflict War Period

HB 115 amends the state statute to redefine the period of the Korean Conflict to match the federal designation of June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955. This allows Korean Conflict veterans to qualify for certain state benefits.

Radcliff Veterans Center

HB 395 reorganizes KDVA to include the new veterans home in Radcliff.

Memorial Highway

SJR 78 directs the Transportation Cabinet to designate a portion of KY Hwy 56 in Daviess Co. as the SP4 James Martin Simon Memorial Highway.

Putting Veterans to Work Initiative

HCR 87 recognizes this legislation making it easier for veterans who performed professional occupations in the military, such as firefighters, emergency medical technicians, HVAC professionals, and commercial truck drivers to become licensed in those occupations in KY by taking into account their military service.

Veterans Home in Bowling Green

SR 32 urges KDVA to take the appropriate steps to get approval and funding necessary for the construction of a state veteran center in Bowling Green. This is not a mandate.

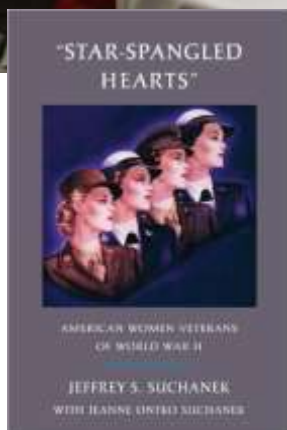
For more detailed information about the above, please review lrc.ky.gov and Veterans Affairs listed under Bill and Amendment Index – Headings.

YEAR OF THE WOMAN VETERAN



Throughout this Year of the Woman Veteran, KDVA is spotlighting Kentucky's 33,000 women veterans with a full year of events and outreach to women veterans and all Kentuckians.

It began in January with the Athena Sisters' Operation Legacy workshop, and continued in February and March with events honoring women veterans in KDVA's three veterans centers., a Woman Veterans Conference in April, and profiles of amazing women veterans from throughout Kentucky.



WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM

In the 2015 Year of the Woman Veteran in Kentucky, KDVA hired its first Women Veterans Coordinator. LuWanda Knuckles is an Iraq and Afghanistan Veteran who previously worked for the KY Army National Guard and remains a Guard member.

Ms. Knuckles has launched a bold outreach program, attending veteran events throughout the state to promote the Women Veterans Program and encourage women veterans to become and stay involved with KDVA and women veterans.

She has developed a confidential database of more than 2,300 Kentucky women veterans, and is working to add the rest of our 24,000 women veterans.

KDVA strongly encourages women who have served in the military to join the Kentucky Women Veterans database by emailing LuWanda Knuckles at LuWanda.Knuckles@ky.gov.



Honoring Women Veterans with Commissioner Henry and Homeless Veterans Coordinator Trina Patty on Thurby at Churchill Downs.

"Let the generations know that women in uniform also guaranteed their freedom. That our resolve was just as great as the brave men who stood among us. And with victory our hearts were just as full and beat just as fast - that the tears fell just as hard - For those we left behind."

Army Nurse WWII



With Hug-A-Vet volunteers at the Women Veterans Remembered event during the Traveling Vietnam Wall at the Kentucky Horse Park.

HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM

In April 2015, KDVA celebrated the tenth anniversary of its Homeless Veterans Transition Facility at the Leestown Campus of the Lexington VA Medical Center, created in partnership with Volunteers of America.



As of June 30, 2015, the Leestown program had graduated 196 (23 in FY15) veterans who were once homeless and with drug problems, helping them become drug and alcohol free, and obtain stable housing and steady employment. FY 2014 offered continued success as 106 veterans received services at the 40 bed capacity. In October 2013, St. James Place apartments in Lexington celebrated the eighth year of operation with all 38 efficiency apartment units (that can be occupied by men and women veterans) homeless veterans fully occupied. These units receive support from the USDVA Homeless Veterans Grant & Per Diem Program. Each unit is complete with kitchen and private bath giving the veterans more independence. Lexington also served 30 male veterans at the Hope Center facility, which is part of a larger program for the homeless. In addition, the Hope Center added five beds for female veterans on their women's campus.

Interlink Counseling Services of Louisville serves the needs of homeless veterans with a 90-bed capacity. Finally, Interlink operates the Landing Zone, allowing up to ten homeless veterans to be taken off the street without waiting if an emergency (extreme weather, for example) warrants this.

St. Vincent DePaul in Louisville provides twenty beds as part of a grant and per diem program. Wayside Christian Mission provides transitional housing for up to 10 men, four women, and two families. These family units, unique in the Commonwealth, allow the veteran to bring a spouse and children into the unit. Finally, the Salvation Army provided housing for 27 male veterans in the newly renovated old Male High School building on Brooks Street, which is also the location for Louisville Stand Down for Homeless Veterans

In addition to room and board, all of these facilities offer the following:

- Drug and alcohol abuse counseling
- Education referrals
- Employment and job training referrals
- Assistance with permanent housing.

The Pennyroyal Center in Hopkinsville began operation in 2012 of a 50-bed facility for homeless veterans (male), the first of its kind in western Kentucky. The Trust Fund provided a substantial grant to guarantee the success of the Center, made to supplement the primary funding coming from the USDVA grant and per diem program.

Finally, in May 2014, Mountain Comprehensive Care opened a 27 bed transitional housing program for homeless veterans in Pikeville that serves male veterans in the eastern region of the state.

Information and referral programs for homeless veterans are called "stand downs." During this fiscal year four stand downs were held. These were held state-wide in the cities of Bowling Green, Covington, Lexington, and Louisville. With Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund grants to the Homeless Veterans Program, and the coordination of efforts by KDVA, USDVA hospitals, the Kentucky Housing Corporation, and other social and health service providers, these stand downs will help alleviate the already 600-800 homeless veterans sleeping on the streets of our Commonwealth every night. Some 10,000 veterans face the very real possibility of losing homes and becoming homeless. These programs are critical in solving the problem.

HOMELESS VETERANS TRUST FUND

The Homeless Veterans Trust Fund (HVTF) seeks to prevent homelessness among veterans and help homeless veterans return to permanent housing quickly. It provides small, one-time cash grants for rent, utility payments and deposits. Eligibility is based active duty status, income, and need.

The HVTF represents a beacon of hope to veterans who otherwise would slip into or remain in a state of homelessness.

FY 15 Milestones

Total Assistance to Veterans: **\$84,389**

Veterans Assisted: **367**

Average Amount of Assistance: **\$229**

191 Veterans received rental assistance

176 Veterans received utility assistance

Also sponsored Central Kentucky Housing and Homeless Initiative

Homeless Veterans Trust Fund Fiscal Year 2014

Fund Balance, Beginning of FY14

Carryforward	\$	70,548.83
Revenue		
Donations	\$	11,069.00
Veterans Program Trust Fund	\$	40,000.00
Interest	\$	28.89
Total Revenue	\$	51,097.89
Expenditures		
Total Assistance Granted	\$	87,083.22
Ending Balance	\$	34,563.50

KENTUCKY VETERANS CENTERS

KDVA provides health services through its Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers (OKVC).

The state's first veterans nursing home, Thomson-Hood Veterans Center (THVC), opened in August 1991. It is a 285-bed facility situated approximately 30 minutes south of Lexington in Wilmore, Kentucky. As of June 30, 2015, there were 250 residents at THVC.



*Thomson-Hood Veterans Center
Wilmore, Kentucky*



Western Kentucky Veterans Center, Hanson, Kentucky

Two new nursing homes in the Eastern and Western portions of the state opened in fiscal year 2002.

The first resident was admitted to the Western Kentucky Veterans Center (WKVC) on March 14, 2002. Admissions to the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center (EKVC) began on March 21, 2002.

EKVC contains 90 general admission beds and a secure 30-bed unit for those veterans suffering from various types of dementia.

WKVC contains 126 general admission beds and a 30-bed secure unit.

In April 2011, KDVA began building three (3) twelve-bed homes at WKVC. The homes are built in the small home model concept. The homes consist of 12 private rooms with private bathrooms, large family style kitchen with a dining room and a large living room. The nursing care provided will be the resident-centered care model. The new home opened in April 2013.

As of June 30, 2015, there were 119 residents at WKVC and 107 at EKVC.



*Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center,
Hazard, Kentucky*

In the calendar year 2014, we proudly provided over 171,725 patient care days throughout all three of our facilities.

That means we served our honored heroes over 512,460 meals during that same period.

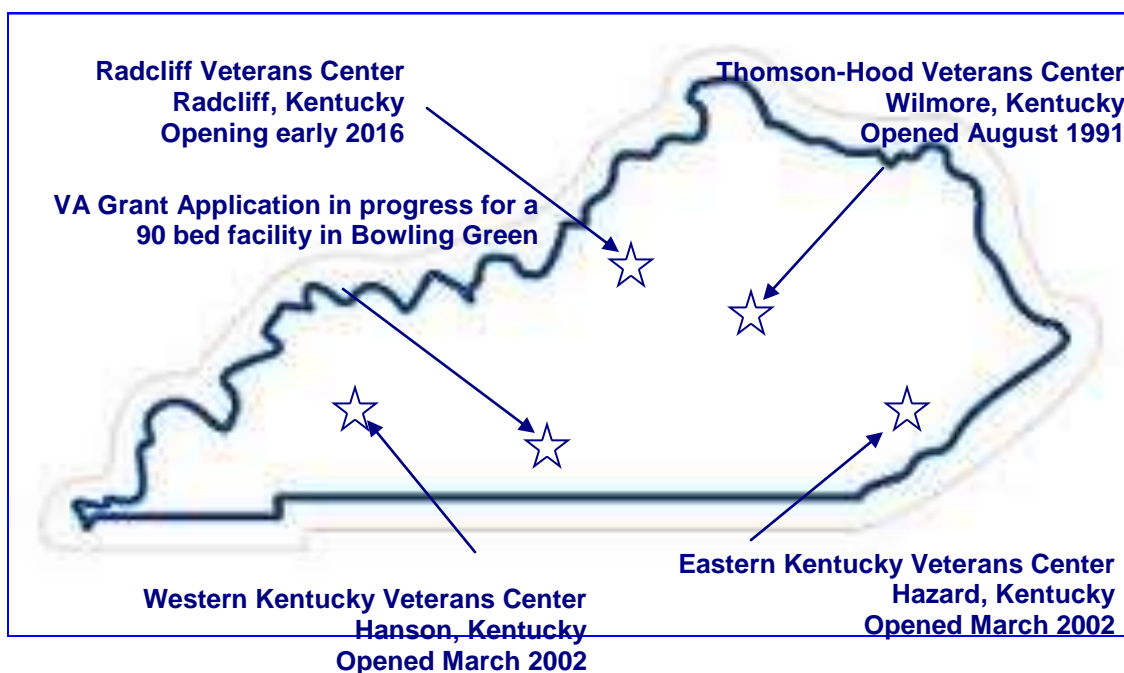
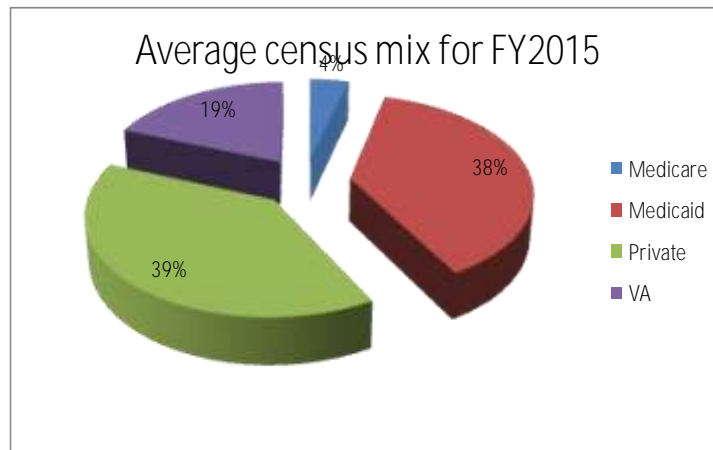
OKCV Costs and initiatives

Kentucky's Veterans Centers strive to contain costs as well as provide continued quality care to veterans. Daily cost of care (the cost of caring for one resident for one day) is now approximately \$307 per day. That equates to a monthly cost of care of \$9,210 per resident. All veterans centers are Medicare and Medicaid certified.

Mark Bowman, Executive Director of the OKVC, oversaw the operation of all three state veterans nursing homes. In addition, he monitored all veterans' health issues by focusing on a stronger relationship with the eight USDVA Medical Centers which operate in and around Kentucky.

Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson entered into a collaborative effort with the Federal VA's Community Based Outpatient Clinic to expand tele-health service (including mental health services) to community veterans as well as those residing in the facility through a shared services agreement.

Thomson-Hood Veterans Center revitalized its Chaplain program and is also piloting a new project to improve mental health services by establishing an in house mental health nurse practitioner under the direction of the facility's Medical Director.



Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers FY 2015 Events



Bluegrass Honor Flight

World War II Veterans from THVC traveled to Washington DC to commemorate the anniversary of D-day.



Residents presented a wreath during Memorial Day at Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center.



Our veterans take aim at the dunking booth during Thomson Hood's annual Veterans Appreciation picnic.

Radcliff Veterans Center Construction

KDVA began building Kentucky's fourth state veterans nursing home, the Radcliff Veterans Center, in Fall 2013 and is scheduled to open in early 2016.

The campus will serve up to 120 veterans. The campus provides 120 private rooms in four different neighborhoods. Each neighborhood will in turn contain three households. Each neighborhood consists of 3 households where 10 veterans will live.



Architectural Rendering-Opening early 2016





FACT SHEET
Thomson-Hood Veterans Center
Wilmore, Kentucky

July, 2015

Size: Approximately 180,000 square feet with appropriate parking and grounds. Additionally, a warehouse and pavilion were incorporated into the design. The facility is three floors. A \$2.8 million renovation project moved the secure unit to the first floor and provided a new kitchen. The facility is located on approximately 60 acres of land in rural Jessamine County.

Occupancy: 240 semi-private beds for general admission and 45 private beds for residents needing a secure environment.

Staff: Currently 331 employees with an annual payroll of approximately \$19.5 million.

Services: Physician, Nursing, Rehabilitation Services, Dietary, Recreational Therapy, Social Services, Administration, Security, and Maintenance.

Qualifications for Admission: A veteran must be disabled by reason of disease, wounds, age or otherwise is in need of nursing care; be a Kentucky resident as of the date of admission to the home, and have a military discharge that is not of a dishonorable nature. The facility accepts VA, Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance and self-pay. Veterans with a disability rating of 70 percent and above are not charged for their care.



FACT SHEET
Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center
Hazard, Kentucky
July, 2015

Size: Approximately 90,000 square feet with appropriate parking and grounds. Additionally, a warehouse and pavilion were incorporated into the design. The facility is two floors with two 45-bed units and one 30-bed unit. The facility is located in Perry County.

Occupancy: 120 beds with 90 semi-private beds for general admission and 30 private beds for residents needing a secure environment.

Staff: Currently 167 employees with an annual payroll of approximately \$8.8 million.

Services: Physician, Nursing, Rehabilitation Services, Dietary, Recreational Therapy, Social Services, Administration, Security, and Maintenance.

Qualifications for Admission: A veteran must be disabled by reason of disease, wounds, age or otherwise is in need of nursing care; be a Kentucky resident as of the date of admission to the home, and have a military discharge that is not of a dishonorable nature. The facility accepts VA, Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance and self-pay. Veterans with a disability rating of 70 percent and above are not charged for their care.

Cost of construction and initial equipment: \$15.9 million with the state providing 35% and the federal government providing 65%.



FACT SHEET
Western Kentucky Veterans Center
Hanson, Kentucky

July, 2015

Size: Approximately 86,000 square feet located on one-floor with appropriate parking and grounds. A warehouse and pavilion have been incorporated into the design. The facility is located in rural Hopkins County.

Occupancy: 120 beds with 90 semi-private beds for general admission and 30 private beds which will be used for residents needing a secure environment. Three small home model houses consisting of 12 private rooms were added in 2012.

Staff: Currently 183 employees with an annual payroll of approximately \$9.9 million.

Services: Physician, Nursing, Rehabilitation Services Dietary, Recreational Therapy, Social Services, Administration, Security, and Maintenance.

Qualifications for Admission: A veteran must be disabled by reason of disease, wounds, age or otherwise is in need of nursing care; be a Kentucky resident as of the date of admission to the home, and have a military discharge that is not of a dishonorable nature. The facility accepts VA, Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance and self-pay. Veterans with a disability rating of 70 percent and above are not charged for their care.

Cost of construction and initial equipment: \$14.2 million with the state providing 35% and the federal government providing 65%.

CEMETERY SERVICES

One of KDVA's early accomplishments was to determine the need for state veterans cemeteries in Kentucky. The USDVA funds 100 percent of construction and initial equipment for such cemeteries, and the state is responsible for continuous operating costs. KDVA applied for five new state veterans cemeteries, and in the summer of 1999, both the Governor and the USDVA approved the pre-applications.



The Honor Guard for a service at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West



One of Kentucky's first veterans buried at the cemetery in Hopkinsville.

Our second state veterans cemetery, Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, opened in Radcliff June 1, 2007. Retired Army First Sergeant Charles Heater serves as Director. After seven years of operation, as of June 30, 2015, KDVA had interred 3,986 veterans and family members at KVCC. The cemetery is averaging 47 interments per month.

Our third state veterans cemetery, Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North, opened in Williamstown August 22, 2008. Retired Army First Sergeant Al Duncan serves as Director of the facility. As of June 30, 2015, KDVA had interred 1,066 veterans and family members at KVCN.

Our fourth state veterans cemetery, Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East (KVCNE) opened in Greenup County on October 1, 2010. Navy veteran Frank Kees serves as the Director of the cemetery. As of June 30, 2015, KVCNE had interred 518 veterans and family members at our newest facility.

KDVA plans its fifth and final cemetery in Leslie County. It will be named Kentucky Veterans Cemetery South East (KVCSE).

BURIAL HONORS

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs operates a Burial Honors Program to ensure veterans receive burial honors at interment. The program pays a stipend to Veterans Service Organizations and burial honors programs throughout the Commonwealth to help defer costs of performing honors. The program paid \$144,739 during State FY 2015 to offset the cost to these volunteers who participate in this noble endeavor. In 2014, the Kentucky General Assembly authorized \$100,000 for burial honors each in FY 2015 and FY 2016. As of June 30, 2015, KDVA has honored 213,887 veterans through this program. We continue to regularly receive stipend requests.



Medals and flag at the service for an Iraq War combat veteran at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville

CEMETERY SERVICES

State Veterans Cemeteries Fund (637R)

Fund Balance, Beginning of FY15	FY 2015 YTD
Carryforward	\$ 47,646.56
Additional Donations	28,780.56
Other Adjustments	1,641.00
Interest	40.19
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	78,108.31
Expenditures	\$ 26,100.44
Ending Balance	\$ 52,007.87



FACT SHEET

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery–South East Site TBA (FAI No. KY-99-03)

Size: Approximately 40 acres located in eastern Kentucky. Construction will include an administration building (~3,600 square feet), a maintenance building (~4,400 square feet) with service area, committal facility and a columbarium. Appropriate parking, road network, walking path and landscaping commensurate with the dignity and honor for a state veteran's cemetery.

Projected use: Complement to National Cemetery System, improve service to veterans and their eligible family members, and provide service to remote locations. We are striving to meet a 75-mile radius of coverage.

Staff: Estimate four employees with an annual facility projected operating costs of \$300,000.

Services: Total interment services include:

Furnishing grave or columbarium space

Opening and closing the grave

Providing the interment site with perpetual care

Supplying a suitable marker or headstone

Qualifications for Interment: Burial in a state veterans cemetery is based on military service with an honorable or general discharge. The eligibility criteria are the same criteria for burial in VA national cemeteries. Requests for interment will be directed to staff at the cemetery where burial is sought.

Estimated Cost of construction and initial equipment: \$6.0 Million scope. State will incur acquisition costs prior to construction.

Projected Schedule:

Site Selection: **November 2012 (Leslie County)**

Architect/engineer firm selected: **TBA**

Phase A Master Planning: **TBA**

Phase B Design Development and Construction Estimate: **TBA**

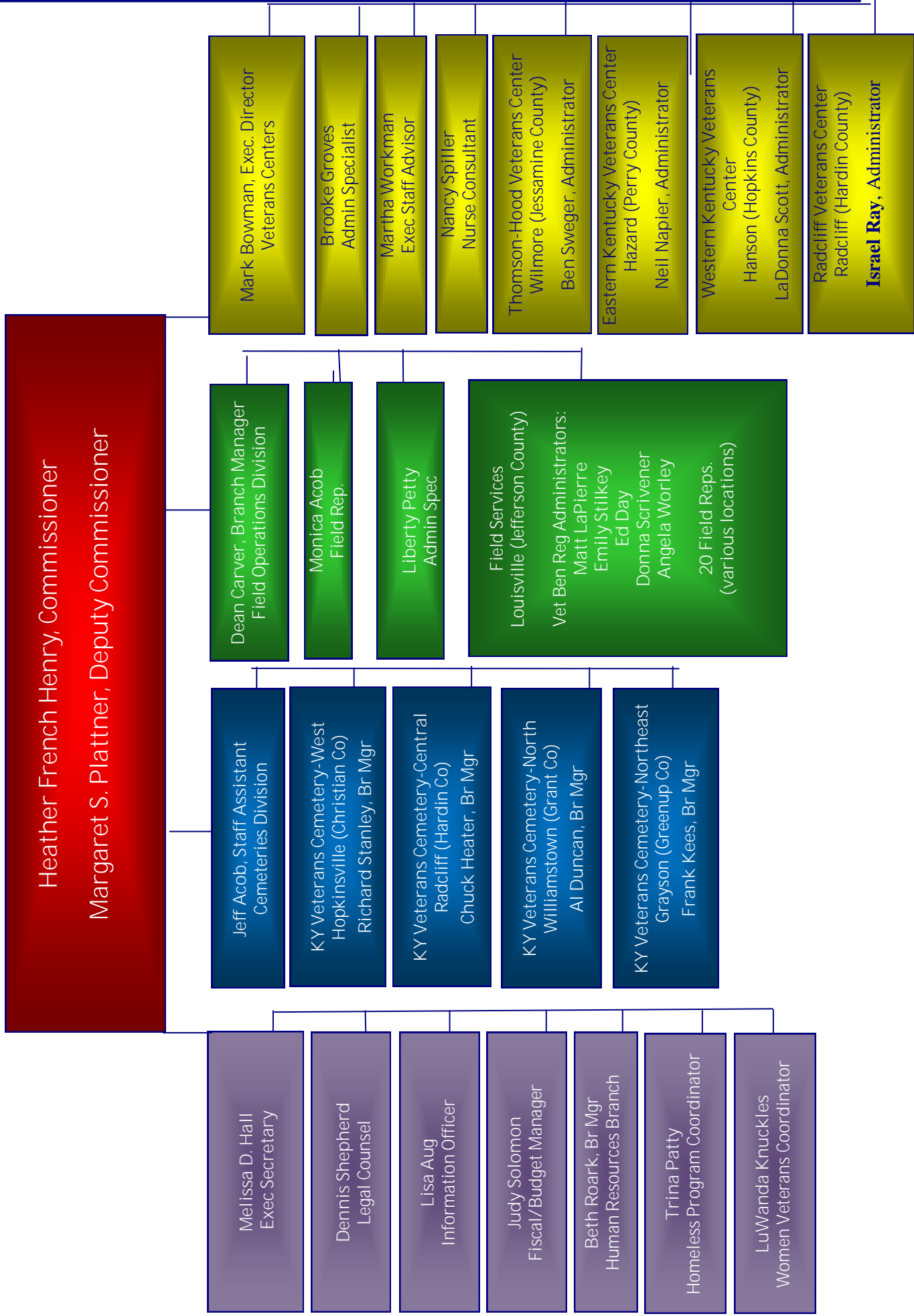
Phase C Contractual Development: **TBA**

Bid/Award Contract completed: **TBA**

Construction completed: **TBA**

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

June 30, 2015



Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Personnel Data - Staffing as of 30 June 2015:

Office of the Commissioner

<i>Title</i>	<i>Number of positions filled</i>
Commissioner	1
Deputy Commissioner	1
Staff Attorney	1
Staff Assistant	1
Human Resources Branch Manager	1
Internal Policy Analyst	1
Homeless Veterans Coordinator	1
Women Veterans Coordinator	1
Executive Secretary	1
Information Officer	1
Totals	10



Field Operations Branch

<i>Title</i>	<i>Number of positions filled</i>
Administrative Branch Manager	1
Veterans Benefits Regional Administrators	5
Administrative Specialist	1
Veterans Benefits Field Representative	20
Totals	27

Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers

<i>Title</i>	<i>Number of positions filled</i>
OKVC Headquarters Staff	5
Thomson-Hood Veterans Center	343
Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center	163
Western Kentucky Veterans Center	186
Radcliff Veterans Center	2
Totals	699

Cemeteries Branch

<i>Title</i>	<i>Number of positions filled</i>
Administrative Branch Manager	4
Cemetery Superintendent	3
Administrative Specialist	4
Cemetery Caretakers	13
Totals	24

Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund - Accomplishments

The Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund (KVPTF) supports veteran-related programs for which there are no appropriated funds.

Examples of how Veterans Program Trust Fund money has been used include:

- Funding the Pennyroyal Veterans Center for homeless veterans in Western Kentucky.
- Funding Honor Flights taking World War II veterans to Washington, D.C.
- Purchase of vans to transport disabled veterans to VA healthcare facilities
- Purchase of land for a state veterans cemetery
- Installing an eternal flame atop the 101st Airborne Division Memorial at Fort Campbell
- Paying the cost of first year operation of the Homeless Veteran Transition Facility

As of July 1, 2014, the beginning of the fiscal year, the Trust Fund had **\$376,072.59**. Since that date the Trust Fund board members approved the following expenditures:

- 1. Continue Vet Connect, a rural veterans transportation program with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. - \$100,000**
- 2. Help the University of Kentucky establish the first globally available Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) - \$50,000**
- 3. Support the Homeless Veterans Program - \$40,000**
- 4. Support the University of Louisville's Veteran Entrepreneurship Program to help veterans start and expand businesses - \$20,000**
- 5. Bring the AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall to Lexington - \$10,000**
- 6. Fund a program by Kentucky Habitat for Humanity to repair veterans' homes - \$32,170**
- 7. Support Women's Veterans Programs at Athena's Sisters and KDVA - \$10,000**

Find more items in the Veterans Program Trust Fund Annual Report.

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Program Trust Fund - State Funds 6307 and 6308
Summary Fund Activity Report - Fiscal Year 2015 (July 2014 - June 2015)

Fund Balance, Beginning of FY15	FY 2015 YTD
Carryforward	\$ 376,072.59
Receipts:	
License Plate Fees (R404)	424,204.41
Tax Check-off (R809)	40,156.00
Miscellaneous Donations (R801 & R802)	17,023.32
KY Housing - WES Program	30,000.00
Interest Income (R771)	299.33
Total Receipts:	511,683.06
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	\$ 887,755.65
Expenditures:	
Eastern Kentucky University - Veterans Projects	\$ 40,000.00
Alan Hyman Enterprises - FOPS Outreach Items	\$ 995.00
AMVETS National Service Foundation- KVCNE Carillon	\$ 8,301.20
Office Depot	\$ 142.97
Athena's Sisters	\$ 10,000.00
Interlink Counseling Services	\$ 9,209.00
Jefferson Co Treatment Court Steering Committee	\$ 1,000.00
Jessie's Art Gallery	\$ 53.05
Post Printing	\$ 4,302.29
Staples, Inc	\$ 63.96
USACares	\$ 75,000.00
Auditor of Public Accounts - FY14 VPTF Audit	\$ 10,260.00
Somerset Community College	\$ 15,000.00
University of Louisville	\$ 20,000.00
Disabled American Veterans (DAV)	\$ 25,000.00
University of Kentucky	\$ 50,000.00
Kentucky Prostate Cancer Coalition	\$ 2,500.00
Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana	\$ 2,500.00
America's Mint - lapel pins for Womens Veterans Conference	\$ 2,400.00
Cardinal Office Products	\$ 69.97
Axxis, Inc.	\$ 4,021.00
Alan Hyman Enterprises - WV Conference	\$ 460.00
Centerplate	\$ 9,556.29
The Kentucky Center - Arts in Healing - (WVP)	\$ 154.00
Homeless Veterans Trust Fund	\$ 40,000.00
Honor Flight Bluegrass Chapter, Inc.	\$ 25,000.00
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	\$ 100,000.00
Kentucky Habitat for Humanity	\$ 32,170.00
4Imprint (promotional items FOPS)	\$ 5,521.65
Expenses related to Vietnam Wall *	\$ 11,573.84
Expenses related to Vietnam Commemoration *	\$ 10,015.59
TOTAL EXPENDED	\$ 515,269.81
Fund Balance (Cash on Hand)	\$ 372,485.84

* Expense Breakout at Bottom of Next Page

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Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

Source of Funds

General Fund		
Enacted Budget	\$	17,798,500
Total General Fund	\$	17,798,500

Restricted Fund		
Enacted Budget	\$	46,114,000
Total Restricted Funds	\$	46,114,000

Total Budget	\$	63,912,500
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USE OF FUNDS

By Fund		
General Fund	\$	17,798,500
Cemetery, Commissioners Office Restricted Funds	\$	692,094
Nursing Home Restricted Funds	\$	45,359,282
Total KDVA	\$	63,849,875

By Class		
Personnel	\$	48,739,062
Operating	\$	9,923,183
Grants, Loans and Benefits	\$	4,374,291
Debt Service	\$	84,500
Capital Outlay	\$	717,139
Capital Projects Outlay	\$	11,700
Total KDVA	\$	63,849,875

Commissioners' Office, Field Ops, Cemeteries	\$	5,507,194
Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers	\$	58,342,682
Total KDVA	\$	63,849,875

“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation.”

- George Washington

(attributed)



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